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RURAL DISTRICT OF HOWDEN

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(W. WILSON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.)



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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(A.G. ORME, M.A.P.H.I.)

For the Year 1972

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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT for 1972

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Howden

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of your area for the year, 1972.

There are no matters on which I wish to make special comment this year.

I should like to express my thanks to the Members of the Council for their support, to the Officials for their co-operation, and to the Chief Public Health Inspector for his help in preparing this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. WILSON
Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	..	..	..	69,963
Number of inhabited houses	..	..	..	4,587
Registrar General's estimate of population	..	..	..	12,550
Rateable Value	..	..	..	£307,845
Sum represented by a penny rate	..	..	..	£2,929-61

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	92	86	178
Illegitimate	7	8	15
	<u>99</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>193</u>

Live Births	..	..	..	193
Rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	15.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	..	..	..	7.8
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	..	..	..	3
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births	..	..	..	15.5

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Death Rate per 1,000 population	67	82	149	11.9
Deaths from heart disease	28	31	59	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				4.7
Deaths from vascular lesions of the nervous system	4	12	16	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				1.3
Deaths from Cancer	18	14	32	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				2.5



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Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates During the
Year 1972

Area	Live Births	Deaths	Deaths of Children Under One year of Age per 1,000 Registered Live Births
	(Rates per 1,000 home population)		
England and Wales	14.8	12.1	17.0
Administrative County	14.3	10.6	12.0
M.B. and U.D.'s	14.2	11.0	13.0
R.D.'s	14.5	10.2	10.0

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates

Year	Howden R.D.C.				
	Crude Birth Rate	Corrected Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Corrected Death Rate	Infant Mortality
1963	17.83	18.90	13.64	13.50	23.04
1964	16.22	17.19	10.73	10.62	25.25
1965	15.60	16.54	9.84	9.74	20.83
1966	15.42	16.35	11.65	12.12	15.62
1967	14.2	15.05	11.4	11.4	11
1968	14.4	15.3	10.6	10.5	11
1969	14.7	15.6	12.2	11.7	21.4
1970	15.9	16.9	9.8	9.7	20.0
1971	16.3	17.3	11.9	11.8	10.0
1972	15.4	16.3	11.9	11.5	15.5

Investment Income of the U.S. Navy, 1941-1945

Year	Investment Income	Operating Expenses	Net Income
1941	10.0	10.0	0.0
1942	10.0	10.0	0.0
1943	10.0	10.0	0.0
1944	10.0	10.0	0.0
1945	10.0	10.0	0.0

Summary of Investment Income, 1941-1945

Year	Investment Income	Operating Expenses	Net Income
1941	10.0	10.0	0.0
1942	10.0	10.0	0.0
1943	10.0	10.0	0.0
1944	10.0	10.0	0.0
1945	10.0	10.0	0.0

Table Showing Causes of Death in Howden R.D.C. 1972

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
B4 Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	-	1
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	1
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	2	2
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1	3
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	6	3	9
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	-	4
B19(8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	7	12
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	-	3	3
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	1	3
B27 Hypertensive Disease	1	2	3
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	25	29	54
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	1	1	2
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	4	12	16
B46(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	4	6
B31 Influenza	-	1	1
B32 Pneumonia	3	4	7
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	-	5
B46(7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2	3
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
B46(8) Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	2	2
B46(9) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1
B42 Congenital Anomalies	-	1	1
B44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
BE48 All Other Accidents	-	3	3
BE49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	1	2
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TOTAL ALL CAUSES	67	82	149
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Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths, 1972

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 year	1	2	3
1 - 4 years	..	..	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	..	..	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	..	..	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	..	..	3	1	4
35 - 44 years	..	..	3	3	6
45 - 54 years	..	..	3	4	7
55 - 64 years	..	..	14	9	23
65 - 74 years	..	..	21	22	43
75+	..	..	22	41	63
			<u>67</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>149</u>
		TOTAL			

Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths from
Cancer, 1972

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 year	..	..	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	..	..	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	..	..	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	..	..	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	..	..	1	-	1
35 - 44 years	..	..	-	1	1
45 - 54 years	..	..	-	3	3
55 - 64 years	..	..	6	2	8
65 - 74 years	..	..	6	6	12
75+	..	..	5	2	7
			<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>32</u>
		TOTAL			

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Disease

The following cases of infectious disease have been notified:

Malaria	1	(Nil)	Whooping Cough	3	(32)
Acute Meningitis	Nil	(2)	Scarlet Fever	1	(31)
Infective Jaundice	3	(2)	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	(Nil)
Measles	95	(4)	Acute Encephalitis	1	(Nil)

(Cases occurring in 1971 are shown in parenthesis)

Cases of infectious disease are admitted, when hospital treatment is necessary, to the Isolation Hospitals at York or Cottingham.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Hull.

(b) Ambulance Service

Ambulances based at Howden and Beverley are available.

(c) Nursing

A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available in the District as part of the County Council's scheme under the National Health Act. District Nurses/Midwives are stationed at Howden, Newport, Bubwith and Gilberdyke.

(d) Treatment Centres and Clinics

These are provided by the County Council. Child Welfare Clinics are held fortnightly at Holme-on-Spalding Moor, North Cave and Howden, and monthly at Gilberdyke, Newport and Bubwith.

(e) Hospitals

General medical or surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Goole, York, Hull and Beverley. Maternity cases are admitted to Beverley and Goole Maternity Homes.

National Assistance Act, 1948

It has not been necessary to take any action under this Act during the year.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses within the area.

HOWDEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year, 1972.

Staff:

Mr. A. G. Orme	Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor. Certificate Public Health Inspectors Joint Examination Board. Certificate Meat and Other Foods. Certificate Smoke Inspection. H.N.C. and O.N.C. Building City and Guilds Quantity Surveying.
Mr. J. K. Roper	Additional Public Health Inspector and Assistant Surveyor. Certificate Public Health Inspectors Joint Examination Board. Certificate Meat and Other Foods. O.N.C. Building.
Mr. H. Harrison	Clerk of Works Resigned September 1972
Mr. T. H. Robinson	Clerk of Works Commenced December, 1972 Associate Member of the Institute of Clerk of Works.
Mrs. P. H. Fabiano	Clerk/Typist
Mrs. F. Grice	Clerical Assistant (Commenced July, 1972)

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR
FOR THE YEAR, 1972.

To the Chairman and Members of the Howden
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit the report on the work of the Department for the year ending 31st December, 1972.

There was one staff change during the year, Mr. H. Harrison leaving this Authority in September, 1972, and Mr. T. H. Robinson taking up duties with the Council in December, 1972.

During the year the full impact of the increased grants was felt by the Department, the number of grant enquiries and subsequent grant applications being higher than in any previous year since grants were introduced. There is no doubt that this is a very satisfying area of the Departments duties and one has only to look round the District to see the marked affect the improvement of sub standard houses has had on the general appearance of many areas. It is disappointing to me, however, that we have not had the same success in Howden as we have enjoyed in the surrounding villages. Back lane at Holne on Spalding Moor is a particular area which has been greatly improved in appearance through houses being improved with grants and I can think of several areas in Howden where the same success would have a marked effect, although it is fair to say that the Market Place is now showing signs of improvement.

1972 saw schemes being prepared and dispatched to the Department of the Environment for the improvement of pre war and immediate post war Council houses together with all the Airey type houses making a total of over 400 dwellings and it is hoped that work will be well underway early in 1973.

Routine inspection of Food premises were carried out and I am pleased to report that the general standards of the good premises within the area are good.

Finally, I would like to thank the Members of the Council and the other Chief Officers for once again giving me their valued support and assistance during the year.

I would also thank the Staff of my Department for the efficient, courteous and pleasant way in which they have carried out their duties.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A.G.ORME

Surveyor and Chief Public
Health Inspector.

HOUSING

HOUSING - General

Council houses

During the year work was completed in the following parishes on the erection of the undermentioned dwellings -

North Cave	12 - 3 bedroomed houses.
	10 - 1 bedroomed bungalows.
Broomfleet	4 - 3 bedroomed houses.

St. John Street Site, Howden and Main Street, Blacktoft.

During the year meetings were held with the Department of the Environment, the Council's Housing Consultants, the East Riding County Council Planning Department and also with Officials and Members of the Council. The details of both schemes were finalised and a start on the development of both sites was expected early in 1973.

At the 31st December, 1972, the number of post war dwellings completed was 835 giving with 180 pre war dwellings, a total of 1015 dwellings owned by the Council within the District.

During the year commencement on the formulation of plans for the improvement and revitalisation of all the pre war houses together with the immediate post war houses and the Airey type houses was made.

Regular visits were made to Council houses in respect of routine maintenance and repair to exercise control over the amount of money expended and the quality of the workmanship. Orders for repairs were issued in 1488 cases which gives some indication of the volume of work involved with Council house maintenance.

Private enterprise

During the year 117 dwellings were completed by private enterprise and at the end of the year a further 193 dwellings were in the course of erection.

The completed dwellings comprised the following accommodation

2 bedroomed dwellings	-	66
3 bedroomed dwellings	-	46
4 or more bedrooms	-	5
		<u>117</u>

During 1971 there were 78 new dwellings completed. It is encouraging to note, therefore, that there is an increase of 29 for the current year which is approximately 37%

Slum Clearance

During the year 8 houses were closed by formal and informal action under the Housing Act, 1957, and as a result of these and previous orders, 4 houses were demolished.

Building Regulations, Town and Country Planning Act.

A total of 598 applications were received during the year and they are classified as follows:-

Outline and planning applications only	-	185
Planning and Building Regulation application	-	183
Building Regulations only		225
Cancelled or withdrawn	-	5

The total number of applications dealt with during the past year was 212 higher than the previous year.

Discretionary grants

94 applications for discretionary grants were received during the year compared with 41 in 1971 and 21 in 1970. The large increase in the number of applications was in my opinion entirely due to the introduction of the 75% grant with the new maximum of £1500.

In every instance of a Discretionary grant application, a detailed inspection and survey was carried out and a detailed schedule of works was prepared and sent to the applicant. This procedure sometimes involves the Department in abortive work due to applications not being forthcoming after the prospective applicant has received the schedule of works. It does, however, ensure that both the Council and the applicant are fully aware of their commitments before any preparations are made. During the year work was completed on 47 houses for which a Discretionary grant had been previously approved. A total of £42,149.77 was paid out by the Council as a result of the completions compared with £10,082.04 in the proceeding year.

Standard Grants

During the year 38 applications for a Standard grant were received.

During 1972 work was completed on 29 houses, all the houses were improved to the full five point standard as required under the Housing Act, 1969. The total amount of money paid out by the Council was £8703.06 and the following amenities were provided, with comparative information for 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.

Year	Amount paid	No. of properties	W.C's	Bath,	Basin	Hot water	Sinks
1972	£8703.06	29	28	25	26	25	13
1971	£5,626.90	27	27	24	25	24	9
1970	£6,869.80	49	48	41	41	34	6
1969	£6,334.81	44	42	33	37	39	10
1968	£4,886.25	35	35	33	33	33	21

As a result of the above two schemes, 933 private houses have been improved, I think it is very worthy of comment that this total has been achieved within the Howden Rural District Council's area. This work has undoubtedly proved very satisfying both to the general public and the staff. It is a very commendable achievement when one considers the number of people who are now enjoying the facilities provided with grant aid and gives an indication of the progressive thinking of the Council.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Once again I must report that very little progress was made during the year on the sewerage schemes for the following Parishes -

Asselby	Wressle
Barmby on the Marsh	Brighton
Knedlington	Ellerton and Aughton.

Whilst work did not commence on the Broomfleet scheme during the year the stage was finally set for an early start in 1973.

I am pleased to report that with the exception of the Gilberdyke area, the sewerage schemes serving the following villages presented no problems throughout the year.

Howden	Foggathorpe,
North Cave	Eastrington
Hotham	Laxton
Gilberdyke	Kilpin
Newport	Holme on Spalding Moor.
Bubwith	

The Council's Consultant Engineers prepared a report in 1969 stating that at the present rate of expansion the Gilberdyke sewerage system would be overloaded within 7 years. The rate of private development has stepped up considerably and as a direct consequence the spare capacity of the sewerage scheme has been reduced. The situation is being kept under very close scrutiny and a fresh report will be prepared taking into account the increased expansion of the village. There is however a local problem at the Chapel Garth Divertor station, which is rapidly becoming overloaded due to the fact that a great deal of the new development is served by the station and I feel sure that improvement works will be necessary in the very near future.

Conversion and Drainage

The number of pail closets which were made obsolete by the provision of water closets during the year was 33. Most of the conversions were grant aided and good co-operation with the public was enjoyed. I am pleased to report that there are only about 80 dwellings throughout the Rural District which have these antiquated and obnoxious facilities.

Public Cleansing

Refuse continued to be collected weekly throughout the majority of the area there are however, one or two small areas where a fortnightly service is provided. All the villages in the area are provided with a cleansing service and only a very few isolated properties do not enjoy a refuse collection service.

Difficulties continue to be experienced at Gilberdyke, which is of course the fastest growing parish within the Rural District. The same vehicle and the same number of men are collecting approximately 377 bins more than in 1965, saturation point is being reached both on man power and vehicle capacity and it may be necessary to give consideration to an improved system of refuse collection such as paper sacks in the very near future. The position has been aggravated to some extent by the decision to rely on two vehicles only for refuse collection. Both the vehicles are fully committed for each working day and whilst they have the capacity to hold the refuse collected from the areas to which they are routed major difficulties occur when either of the vehicles break down.

Meat and Food Inspection

During the year 100% meat inspection was maintained, which means that every animal slaughtered for human consumption within the Rural District was given a detailed inspection for disease. Two Butchers slaughter at the weekend and this involves inspection on Saturday or Sunday.

During 1972 the charge for meat inspection services rendered £311.60p

Licenses were issued in respect of 10 slaughterhouses, 1 Knackers yard and 26 slaughtermen.

The number of carcasses inspected is tabulated below, as are those of the four previous years.

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
Cattle (ex cows)	699	782	809	811	821
Cows	-	-	-	-	-
Calves	-	-	2	-	1
Pigs	2226	2179	2050	1925	1748
Sheep	1862	1901	1951	1721	1847

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned, 1972

	Cattle ex. cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	699	-	-	1862	2226
Number inspected	699	-	-	1862	2226

Meat Condemned

Tuberculosis

Head and Tongue	-	-	-	-	8
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cystercerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	4
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	43	-	-	2	176
Percentage of number inspected with disease other than tuberculosis or cystercerci	6.15%	-	-	0.107%	7.90%

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	8
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.36%

Cystercerci only

Carcasses on which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
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Diseases and Conditions other than Tuberculosis and Cystercerci

	Cattle ex. cows	Sheep	Pigs
Livers - abscessed	32	-	-
fasciolosis and distoma(flukes)	9	1	-
peritonitis	-	-	-
hydatid cysts	-	-	-
ascaris infection	-	-	101
cirrhosis	-	-	-
Head - abscessed	1	-	2
corneobacterium equi	-	-	-
injury	-	-	-
Lungs - pneumonia	1	-	15
septic pneumonia	-	-	-
pleurisy	-	-	2
congestion	-	-	-
pulmonary distoma	-	-	-
Heart - pericarditis	-	-	51
Fore legs - arthritis	-	-	-
injury	-	-	-
abscessed	-	-	-
Hind legs bruising/injury	-	1	4
abscessed	-	-	-
Ribs - abscessed	-	-	-
Loins - abscessed	-	-	-
Collar - abscessed	-	-	-
Carcases emaciated and immaturity	-	-	-
emaciation and oedema	1	3	-
gangerene	-	-	-

The total weight of the meat and offal found unfit for human consumption was 1240 lbs.

It is encouraging to note that almost complete disappearance of tuberculosis in animals. No bovine animals were found to be affected with tuberculosis and only 8 pigs had an infection of the submaxillary gland of the head.

Food Premises

The number of premises is set out below :-

Grocers and general stores	52
Ice cream	46
Fish and Chip Shops	6
Cafes and Restaurants	19
Slaughterhouses and Butchers Shops	13
Knackers Yard	1
Public Houses	39

There were 53 premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, comprising 46 ice cream premises and 7 meat products.

Report of improvements carried out at food premises

Premises generally improved by alteration	2
Rooms redecorated and cleaned	21
First aid kits provided	1
W.C., compartments cleaned and redecorated	14
Broken windows repaired	2
Floors resurfaced or repaired	3
Wash hand basins and hot water supply provided	2
Towels, soap and nailbrushes provided	4
Public Conveniences modernised or redecorated (Public houses)	2

Food premises are the subject of routine inspection throughout the year, with special attention being given to Cafes, Restaurants and other food preparing and manufacturing premises.

Food Inspection

The export of 163 tons of frozen peas by a local frozen food manufacturer throughout the year has involved the department in regular inspection and sampling of the products to ensure its fitness for human consumption, and the issue of an International Health Certificate in respect of each consignment.

Petroleum Regulations

The total of petrol storage licenses at 31st December, 1972, was 101,790 gallons at 72 premises. All new installations were inspected and tested before licenses were issued.

Rodent Control

One full time rodent operative was engaged throughout the year, and much effective work was carried out. A number of freelance operators worked in the District but their results are not known.

The work carried out by the Department was as follows:-

Properties other than sewers	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	4119	720
2. a. Total number of properties (incl. nearby premises) inspected following notification	112	36
b. Number infested by i. Rats	112	36
ii. Mice	1	-
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	170	80
b. Number infested by i. Rats	150	80
ii. Mice	20	-

Sewers

4. Some sewers were found to be infested by rats during the year and were treated.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

On 31st December, 1972, the following premises had been registered

Offices	20
Retail Shops	32
Wholesale Shops	2
Catering Establishments	17
Fuel storage depots	1
	<u>72</u>

The number of persons employed on that date were:-

Offices	86
Retail Shops	87
Wholesale Shops	80
Catering establishments	58
Fuel storage depots	10
	<u>321</u>

The work of checking premises not registered proceeded during the year.

General inspections for the purpose of the Act numbered - 50

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the
Factories Act, 1957.

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

1.	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
i. Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the L.A.	2	2	-	-
ii. Factories not incl. in i. in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A.	43	30	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A. (ex. outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	45	32	-	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Number of cases in which defects were found		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
a. Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b. Unsuited or defective	8	8	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	8	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS - NIL

